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Hall-MillsMemorandum for Mr. PfeifferStatement of Dr. Thomas Conover, Rector of  
the Episcopal Church in Bernardsville, N.J.

Dr. Conover was born in New Brunswick and lived there until the time he finished his ecclesiastical education. He and his family have always been close friends of the Carpenders and Stevens. For many years Dr. Conover has been the Rector of the Bernardsville Episcopal Church and he was the rector of this church while Dr. Hall had a small church at Basking Ridge, two or three miles distant from Bernardsville. This is the church which Dr. Hall left to become the rector of the Church of St. John the Evangelist at New Brunswick.

Dr. Conover states that Mrs. Hall telephoned him on Saturday morning, September 16, 1922 (he thinks about 11 o'clock in the morning). She said that Dr. Hall had disappeared and that she did not know what to do. There was some talk about Dr. Conover coming over to New Brunswick, but as he had a meeting at 12 o'clock to which a number of people were coming he could not start immediately but said he would come later. Later in the day before Dr. Conover started for New Brunswick, Mrs. Hall telephoned him again and told him that Dr. Hall's body had been found and that he had been killed. Shortly thereafter Dr. Conover went to New Brunswick to see Mrs. Hall and between that time and the holding of the burial service on Monday was at her house the greater part of the time.

Mr. Conover does not recall seeing any scratches on Mrs. Hall's face.

With respect to Dr. Hall's connections before he left